124. Needs of the Mavelikara taluk.

MR. K. G. THOMAS (*Member, Mavelikara taluk*) urged the need for a dispensary at Tumpaman and said that the local people were prepared to put up the necessary building at a cost of Rs: 2,500 and to provide the furniture and equipment required. The Member presented a petition on the subject signed by about 400 persons.

In the outlet from the Kulakkada river to the Pamba river, the portion from Tarayamukku to Ennakkad, about 2½ miles long, should be deepened by about 1½ feet for purposes of navigation. A fee is extorted from boats that passed that way and people were not even permitted to drag their boats as that would lead to the formation of a water channel and the stoppage of this illegal levy. The work of deepening should be undertaken before the monsoon, and the illegal levy complained of stopped at once.

The construction of an enclosure wall to the burial ground at Mavelikara was immediately necessary as the people who lived near were now subjected to considerable discomfort and even danger owing to the limbs and entrails of persons who died from small-pox and other contagious diseases and were buried there being exhumed by dogs and jackals.

The road from Olakettiyampalam to the Chunakara-Kurattikad road should be constructed at once. The Chief Engineer personally knew the difficulties experienced by the people who were obliged to take manure, etc., in head-loads to distant places.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Thomas, in the matter of the dispensary at Tumpaman, I am very pleased to hear, if I understand you correctly, that the people are willing to give the building and everything necessary. On that undertaking I will myself undertake to have the question of starting the dispensary and meeting the expenditure in connection with it placed before the Finance Committee and before the Legislative Council.

2. In regard to the enclosure wall to the burial ground referred to, it is a very gruesome tale and a very unpleasant picture that you have presented to us. I may point out that if it is the burial ground attached to the District Hospital that you mean, the Government have received an estimate from the Chief Engineer.

3. The construction of a road from Olakettiyampalam to Chunakara-Kurattikad road is, I think, a matter in which you may use your persuasion and powers with the people of the place with due reference to the Ryots' Roads Rules and ask them to construct it.

4. In the matter of deepening the Kulakkada river, or to be more precise, the *todu* mentioned by you, I may say that the deepening of the portion from Tarayamukku to Valiyaperumpuzha crossing has already been arranged. In regard to details, if you go and speak to the Chief Engineer, he will consider the matter.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-10 P. M., to meet again at 11-30 A. M. on Tuesday, the 2nd March, 1926.

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